

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 199413

11

ORIGIN EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CPR-01 NSC-05 PA-02 SS-15 USIA-15

PRS-01 OES-06 /055 R

DRAFTED BY TEXT RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE (S/S 7616780)

APPROVED BY EA:OVARMSSTRONG

EA/ROC - D. BROWN

S/S - MR. SEBASTIAN

----- 091875

R 112005Z AUG 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

UNCLAS STATE 199413

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PDIP, US, TW

SUBJECT: P9ESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FROM YEN CHIA-KAN ON THE VIKING LANDING

1. PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
TO PRESIDENT FORD CONGRATULATING THE US ON THE VIKING LAND-
ING:

QUOTE: I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO VIKING
PROJECT DIRECTOR JIM MARTIN AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
SUCCESSFUL LANDING OF VIKING ONE SPACECRAFT ON THE SURFACE
OF MARS. IT IS INDEED A HISTORIC MISSION THE UNITED
STATES HAS COMPLETED WHICH HAS OPENED A NEW FRONTIER IN
MAN'S EXPLORATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THE PEOPLE OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHARE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S EXCITEMENT
AND PRIDE FOR THIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT. YEN CHIA-KAN,
PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF CHINA.UNQUOTE

2. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
FORD TO PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN:

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 199413

QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE ON THE SUCCESS OF THE
VIKING MISSION.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MAN GAIN PERSPECTIVE ON HIS PLACE IN
THE UNIVERSE. THIS UNDERLYING MOTIVATION OF OUR SPACE
PROGRAM HAS SPARKED SOME OF OUR MOST IMAGINATIVE AND
IMPORTANT EFFORTS. WE HOPE THAT THE EXPLORATION OF MARS
AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE ON THAT MYSTERIOUS PLANET WILL
ALSO IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR OWN PLANET AND WILL
PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUED PROGRAM OF IMPORTANT AC-
TIVITIES IN SPACE, AIMED NOT ONLY AT IMMEDIATE APPLICA-
TIONS TO OUR PRESSING PROBLEMS BUT ALSO AT ACHIEVING A
MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE QUESTIONS SO CRUCIAL

TO THE FUTURE OF MANKIND. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD
UNQUOTE

3. NO RELEASE OF TEXT INTENDED THOUGH NO OBJECTION IF
RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. ROBINSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE199413
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: S 7616780)
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760310-0083
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760863/aaaaccyq.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 AUG 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 AUG 2004 by SilvaL0>; APPROVED <06 DEC 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: P9ESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM YEN CHIA-KAN ON THE VIKING LANDING
TAGS: PDIP, US, TW, (FORD, GERALD R), (YEN CHIA-KAN)
To: TAIPEI
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006